

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROTECT THE CITY'S WETLANDS AND WATER SUPPLY WATERSHEDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta recognizes the critical roles of wetlands and water supply watersheds in providing for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Atlanta and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the viability of wetlands and water supply watersheds could be threatened in some instances by the presence of certain types and magnitudes of land development activity and their associated operations in environmentally-sensitive locations; and

WHEREAS, the adverse environmental impacts which may be produced by unregulated land development activity and associated operations in wetlands and water supply watersheds could include water pollution, the loss of available water supply, soil erosion, flooding, destruction of natural plant and wildlife habitats, the loss of lands for recreational and open space purposes, and other impacts; and

WHEREAS, the ability of natural ecosystems to mitigate and compensate for adverse effects emanating from the undesirable impacts of certain types and magnitudes of land development activity and their associated operations in environmentally-sensitive locations is limited and may require many years to occur; and

WHEREAS, undesirable tangible and intangible results could be experienced by the citizens of Atlanta, as well as the necessity for the City of Atlanta to incur exorbitant expenses to take various actions to overcome such adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City of Atlanta to maintain its legal certifications by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, an acceptable Environmental Element must be included in each annual edition of the City's Comprehensive Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta adopted into the 2001 Comprehensive Development Plan 'Exhibit A – Wetland Protection' and 'Exhibit B – Water Supply (Chattahoochee River) Watershed Protection' as Appendix B; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Comprehensive Development Plan, including Appendices B was adopted by City Council on May 1, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City of Atlanta's Zoning Ordinance be amended to include two new sections entitled Section 16-28.025 (Wetland Protection) and Section 16-28.026 (Water Supply (Chattahoochee River) and Watershed Protection), as outlined in Appendix B of the 2001 Comprehensive Development Plan, entitled Exhibit A and B, respectively (attached).

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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